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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 24, 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kramer (US 5135535) in view of Martin et al (US 5472417) in view of McInnes et al (US 6451043). Kramer discloses a catheter having a first lumen 12 extending through the length of the catheter having an open proximal access port and an open distal access port 22, a second lumen 14 extending between a proximal and distal port 17, wherein the distal port is spaced proximally apart from the distal end and includes a distal extension of the lumen and a proximal port 15 including a proximal extension of the lumen. See Fig. 1. Kramer discloses that the lumen configuration may be used in a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and does not necessarily include a balloon (Col. 7, lines 47-59). The device includes a slit in the catheter wall. The ports are formed by cutouts.
3. Claim 24 differs from Kramer in calling for the distal extension to be occluded from the rest of the lumen. Martin teaches a catheter having a port 45 near the distal end and an extension of the lumen extending beyond the port, wherein the distal extension is occluded by a plug 60 to prevent blood from pooling and clotting in the area distal of the port. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the device of Kramer to include an occlusion of the distal extension as taught by Martin to prevent blood from

entering the area and clotting which could possibly cause serious complications if it were to reenter the bloodstream.

4. Claim 24 further differs from Martin in calling for the proximal lumen extension to be occluded from the remaining portion of the second lumen. McInnes teaches a catheter having a second lumen that is occluded by a plug 28 and extends proximally from a port 17 to prevent fluids from passing back through the second lumen. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the device of Martin to have the second lumen extend proximally beyond a plug as taught by McInnes to prevent fluid from flowing back through the second lumen.

5. Claims 25, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kramer in view of Martin in view of McInnes as applied to claim 24 above, and further in view of Ha et al (US 6159195). Claims 25, 26 differ from the teachings above in calling for the catheter to have a reinforcing braided wire. Ha teaches an exchange catheter having a braided wire reinforcement member to provide adequate stiffness for axial push while maintaining enough softness to prevent injury to the patient (Col. 7, lines 25-40). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the device of Kramer in view of Martin in view of McInnes to have a braided reinforcement as taught by Ha to provide adequate axial stiffness while maintaining enough flexibility to avoid injuring the patient.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 24-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAURA A. BOUCHELLE whose telephone number is (571)272-2125. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 517-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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